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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY OFFICERS TO VIENTIANE

1. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT SECURITY OFFICERS ASSIGNED HERE TO RELIEVE MARINE GUARDS WILL CARRY FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST. (IN OUR NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE WE ARE DESCRIBING THEIR TITLE AS ARCHIVIST.) WE BELIEVE THEIR STAY HERE MAY BE SHORT-LIVED IF LAO AUTHORITIES KNOW THAT ONE-THIRD OF OUR NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF ARE PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS.

2. WE ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND OTHER UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL CONCERNING THESE OFFICERS CONTINUE TO SHOW THEM AS SECURITY OFFICERS. EVEN SOME MAIL RECEIVED THUS FAR FOR THESE STAFF MEMBERS SHOW THEIR TITLE AS SECURITY OFFICER.

3. WE ARE BRIEFING THESE OFFICERS ON SITUATION EXISTING HERE, BUT WE CONSIDER THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT BETTER INFORMED OF THE REAL DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE HERE EVEN IN SUCH LITTLE THINGS AS TITLES.

4. WE ALSO NOTE THAT MICHAEL WILLIAMS, POS. NO. 56-142, HAS BEEN GIVEN TITLE OF ATTACHE AND HE INFORMS US THAT HE WAS TOLD IN WASHINGTON THAT HE WOULD BE ONE OF THE THREE OFFICERS ON THE EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC LIST. WE
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HAVE STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THE CHARGE AND TWO LAO LANGUAGE OFFICERS WILL BE THE OFFICERS WHO WILL BE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST. WILLIAMS WILL NOT HAVE LOCAL RECOGNITION AS ATTACHE AND WILL BE ONE OF NINE STAFF MEMBERS PERMITTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT TO BE ON OUR NON-DIPLOMATIC LIST.

5. INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED NOW UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS WE
FACE HERE, BUT WE DO WISH THAT THEY HAD BEEN BETTER
BRIEFED BEFORE DEPARTING WASHINGTON.
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